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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 4 or Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Ganim Randall E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP

[TRUE]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/16/2009

7700 BONHOMME AVENUE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Officer (give title

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Person

Issuer

below)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of

Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration

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Exercisable Date Number
Shares

PHANTOM STOCK (1) 11/16/2009 A 433.526 (1) (1) COMMON STOCK 433.5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ganim Randall E

7700 BONHOMME AVENUE X ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

RANDALL E.

GANIM 11/17/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) THE SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK BECOME PAYABLE, IN CASH OR COMMON STOCK, AT THE ELECTION OF THE REPORTING PERSON, UPON THE REPORTING PERSON'S TERMINATION OF SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR.
- (2) REPORTING PERSON ALSO HOLDS 39,077 SHARES AND 21,000 STOCK OPTIONS GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S STOCK OPTION PLAN.

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